

a survey of 2,000 American doctors published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* concluded that 59 percent of physicians "supported legislation to establish national health insurance."

Madam President, you might be particularly interested to know that the New Hampshire Medical Society surveyed New Hampshire physicians and found that two-thirds of New Hampshire physicians, including 81 percent of primary care clinicians, indicated that they would favor a simplified payer system in which public funds, collected through taxes, were used to pay directly for services to meet the basic health care needs of all citizens. That is New Hampshire.

In 2007, *Minnesota Medicine Magazine* surveyed Minnesota physicians and found that 64 percent favored a single-payer system; 86 percent of physicians also agreed that it is the responsibility of society, through the Government, to ensure that everyone has access to good medical care.

But it is not just doctors, it is not just nurses, it is not just millions of ordinary Americans. What we are seeing now is that national, State, and local organizations representing a wide variety of interests and regions support single payer. These include the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the American Medical Students Association, the AFL/CIO, the United Church of Christ, the UAW, the International Association of Machinists, the United Steelworkers, the United Electrical Workers, the Older Women's League, and so many others that I do not have the time to list them.

I ask unanimous consent to insert a list in the *RECORD* of all the organizations representing millions and millions of Americans who are sick and tired of the current system and want to move toward a Medicare-for-all single-payer system.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the *RECORD*, as follows:

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT SINGLE
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American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada, American Medical Students Association, Americans for Democratic Action, American Patients United, All Unions Committee for Single Payer Health Care, Alliance for Democracy, Business Coalition for Single Payer Health Care, California Nurses Association/National Nurse Organizing Committee, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Coalition of Labor Union Women, Committee of Presidents, National Association of Letter Carriers, Committees of Correspondence, Earthly Energy Werx, Electrical Workers Minority Caucus, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Feminist Caucus of the American Humanist Association, and Global Kids Inc.

Global Security Institute, Health Plan Navigator, Healthcare NOW!, Hip Hop Caucus, House of Peace, Institute for Policy Studies, Cities for Progress, Inter-religious Foundation for Community Organization, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, League of Independent Voters, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Association of Letter Carriers, National Council

on Healthcare for the Homeless, National Economic and Social Rights Initiative, National Education Association, National Organization of Women, National Student Nurses Association, Needed Now, and Older Women's League.

PACE International Union, Peoples' Health Movement—US Circle, Physicians for a National Health Program, Progressive Christians Uniting, Progressive Democrats of America, The United Church of Christ, United Association of Journeymen & Apprentices of the Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States & Canada, United Automobile Workers, United Automobile Workers, International Union Convention, United Electric Workers, United Federation of Teachers, United Methodist Global Board of Church and Society, United Steelworkers of America, Up for Democracy, Women's Division of The United Methodist Church, Women's Universal Health Initiative, and Young Democrats.

STATE ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT SINGLE
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1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, MD, DC, NY, MA; 1199SEIU Retired Division of New York; American Guild of Musical Artists: Chicago/Midwest Region; American Postal Workers Union (APWU), Michigan State; Arizona AFL-CIO; Arkansas AFL-CIO; California State Pipe Trades Council, United Association; California School Employees Association; Connecticut State Council of Machinists of the IAMAW; Connecticut Medicare for All; Delaware State AFL-CIO; Florida CHAIN; Florida State AFL-CIO; Florida State Alliance for Retired Americans; Health Action New Mexico; Health Care for All California; Health Care for All Colorado; Health Care for All New Jersey; Health Care for All Texas; Health Care for All Washington; Hoosiers for a Common Sense Health Plan; and Iowa Federation of Labor; AFL-CIO.

Kentucky House of Representatives; Kentucky Jobs with Justice; Kentucky State AFL-CIO; Maine Council of United Steelworkers; Maine State AFL-CIO; Maine State Building & Construction Trades Council; Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO; Massachusetts Nurses Association; Massachusetts State United Auto Workers; Michigan State AFL-CIO Women's Council; Michigan State Association of Letter Carriers; Minnesota DFL Progressive Caucus; Minnesota State AFL-CIO; Missouri State AFL-CIO; New Jersey Media Corps; New Jersey State Industrial Union Council; New York Professional Nurses Union; New York State Nurses Association; North Carolina Fair Share; North Carolina State AFL-CIO; North Dakota State AFL-CIO; Ohio Alliance for Retired Americans.

Ohio State AFL-CIO; Ohio Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees; Oregon United Methodist Church; Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals; Pennsylvania State AFL-CIO; SCFL of Wisconsin; SEIU—United Healthcare Workers West; South Carolina State AFL-CIO; South Dakota AFL-CIO; Texas AFL-CIO; Texas Alliance for Retired Americans; Texas Building & Construction Trades Council; The Tennessee Tribune Newspaper; Utah Jobs with Justice; Vermont State Labor Council AFLCIO; Washington State Alliance for Retired Americans; Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council; Washington State Labor Council; West Virginia State AFL-CIO; Wisconsin Clean Elections Campaign; Wisconsin State AFL-CIO; Wyoming State AFL-CIO.

Mr. SANDERS. There is also significant support in the House of Representatives for a single-payer system. Together, H.R. 676 and H.R. 1200, two

different single-payer proposals, have 94 cosponsors.

And let me say a word about State legislatures that have moved forward aggressively toward a single-payer system. In California, our largest State, the State legislature there has on two occasions passed a single-payer program. The largest State in America passed a single-payer program, and on both occasions it was vetoed by the Governor. In New York State, the State Assembly passed a single-payer system. Among other States where single payer has been proposed and seriously discussed are Ohio, Massachusetts, Georgia, Colorado, Maine, Vermont, Illinois, Wisconsin, Oregon, Washington, New Mexico, Minnesota, Indiana, and New Hampshire.

Why is it that we need an entirely new approach for health care in this country? The answer is pretty obvious. Our current system, dominated by profit-making insurance companies, simply does not work. Yes, we have to confess, it does work for the insurance companies that make huge profits and provide their CEOs with extravagant compensation packages. Yes, it does work—and we saw how well it worked right here on the floor yesterday—for the pharmaceutical industry which year after year leads almost every other industry in profit while charging the American people by far—not even close—the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs.

So it works for the insurance companies. It works for the drug companies. It works for the medical equipment suppliers and the many other companies who are making billions of dollars off of our health care system. But it is not working for—in fact, it is a disaster for—ordinary Americans.

Today, 46 million people in our country have no health insurance and an even higher number of people are underinsured, with high deductibles or copayments. Today, as our primary health care system collapses, tens of millions of Americans do not have access to a doctor on a regular basis and, tragically, some 45,000 of our fellow Americans who do not have access to a doctor on a regular basis die every single year. That is 15 times more Americans who die of preventable diseases than were murdered in the horrific 9/11 attack against our country. That takes place every year: the preventable deaths of 45,000 people.

This is not acceptable. These horrific deaths are a manifestation of a collapsing system that needs fundamental change.

A number of months ago I took to the floor to relate stories that I heard from people throughout the State of Vermont regarding the health care crisis, stories which I published in a small pamphlet and placed on my Web site. Let me tell you one story.

A man from Swanton, VT, in the northern part of our State, wrote to me to tell me the story of his younger brother, a Vietnam veteran, who died 3